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FOR CLAXTON FROM NELSON

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION AS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AT THE WPC ON AUGUST 30: POPULATION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. TO THIS END, THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS THAT:

2. GOVERNMENTS DEVELOP NATIONAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS RELATING TO THE GROWTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF THEIR POPULATIONS, IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, AND THAT THE RATE OF POPULATION CHANGE BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

3. COUNTRIES AIM AT A BALANCE BETWEEN LOW RATHER THAN HIGH DEATH RATES AND BIRTH RATES.

4. HIGHEST PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO THE REDUCTION OF HIGH DEATH RATES. EXPECTATION OF LIFE SHOULD EXCEED 62 YEARS

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IN 1985 AND 74 YEARS IN 2000. WHERE INFANT MORTALITY

CONTINUES HIGH, IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT DOWN TO AT LEAST
120 PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS BY THE YEAR 2000.

5. COUNTRIES ARE URGED TO ENCOURAGE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS WHO SO DESIRE ADVICE AND MEANS OF ACHIEVING IT.

6. FAMILY PLANNING, AND RELATED SERVICES SHOULD AIM AT PREVENTION OF UNWANTED PREGNANCIES AS WELL AS ELIMINATION OF INVOLUNTARY STERILITY OR SUBFECUNDITY TO ENABLE COUPLES TO ACHIEVE THEIR DESIRED NUMBER OF CHILDREN.

7. WHERE FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS EXIST THEY SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH HEALTH AND OTHER SERVICES DESIGNED TO RAISE THE QUALITY OF LIFE.

8. COUNTRIES WHICH CONSIDER THEIR BIRTH RATES DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR NATIONAL PURPOSES ARE INVITED TO SET QUANTITATIVE GOALS AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO ACHIEVE THEM BY 1985.

9. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE URGED TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE POLICIES IN POPULATION, CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT, BEARING IN MIND THE NEED FOR FUNDAMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL EQUITY.

10. BECAUSE THE FAMILY IS THE BASIC UNIT OF SOCIETY, GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ASSIST FAMILIES AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THROUGH APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION AND SERVICES.

11. GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ENSURE FULL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE OF THEIR COUNTRIES ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH MEN.

12. COUNTRIES WHICH WISH TO INCREASE THEIR RATE OF POPULATION GROWTH DO SO THROUGH LOW MORTALITY RATHER THAN HIGH FERTILITY, AND POSSIBLY IMMIGRATION.

13. COUNTRIES WHICH WISH TO REDUCE THEIR RATE OF POPULATION GROWTH REDUCE VERY HIGH BIRTH RATES TO 30 PER 1,000
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BY 1985.

14. IN ADDITION TO FAMILY PLANNING, MEASURES BE EMPLOYED THAT AFFECT SUCH SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS AS REDUCTION IN INFANT AND CHILDHOOD MORTALITY, INCREASED EDUCATION PARTICULARLY FOR FEMALES, IMPROVEMENT IN THE STATUS OF WOMEN, LAND REFORM, AND SUPPORT IN OLD AGE.

15. TO ASSURE NEEDED INFORMATION CONCERNING POPULATION TRENDS, POPULATION CENSUSES BE TAKEN AT REGULAR INTERVALS AND INFORMATION CONCERNING BIRTH AND DEATHS BE MADE AVAILABLE AT LEAST ANNUALLY.

16. POLICIES BE DEVELOPED TO REDUCE THE UNDESIRABLE CONSEQUENCES OF EXCESSIVELY RAPID URBANIZATION AND TO DEVELOP OPPORTUNITIES IN RURAL AREAS AND SMALL TOWNS, RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS TO MOVE FREELY WITHIN THEIR NATIONAL BOUNDARIES.

17. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS BE CONCLUDED TO REGULATE THE MIGRATION OF WORKERS AND TO ASSURE NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THESE WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

18. NATIONAL EFFORTS BE INTENSIFIED TO DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTER-RELATIONSHIPS WITH POPULATION TRENDS; EFFECTIVE MEANS OF REDUCING INFANT AND CHILDHOOD MORTALITY; METHODS OF FERTILITY REGULATION TO MEET THE VARIED REQUIREMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING METHODS REQUIRING NO MEDICAL SUPERVISION; THE INTERRELATIONS OF HEALTH, NUTRITION AND REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY; AND METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE ADMINISTRATION, DELIVERY AND UTILIZATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES.

19. INTERNATIONAL, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS INCREASE THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THE POPULATION FIELD ON REQUEST.

20. IN EXERCISING THEIR SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR POPULATION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, GOVERNMENTS DO

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SO CONSISTENT WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE EFFECTS OF THEIR NATIONAL POLICIES ON THE INTERESTS OF OTHER NATIONS AND OF MANKIND.

21. THE PLAN OF ACTION BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, REVIEWED IN DEPTH AT FIVE YEAR INTERVALS, AND MODIFIED AS APPROPRIATE. INGERSOLL

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